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t of the forbidding corporal
punishments*
this code re-studied and in 1920 it was
applied. In
1927 a further Judicial reorganization took place, and in
1929 still **another**
change.

These numerous and revisions reveal the
extraordinary
intricacy of the task. Though the harshness of the
penal-
was, in particular, **greatly** softened, it was almost
impossible to
control the Judges* methods. **Moreover**, the French in
an effort to be
humanitarian had introduced the penalty of
deportation to replace
punishment, yet it considered by the
natives to be far
severe hence almost never applied. **Death with** its
possible improve-
in reincarnation status seemed infinitely
preferable.

Though the oxle's frequent revisions have
undoubtedly improved
Cambodian Justice^ they have left untouched certain
features which are
incapable of amelioration. The pillory stand for
witnesses
abolished* but the Khmers cannot yet overcome
their timidity
in testimony in court and they are still afraid to
report crimes
lest it reprisals. Criminals in this way find protection
everywhere
insecurity flourishes. Cambodian houses are
particularly Inflam-
mable,, the **constant** effort to disguise what he
possesses is due as
to the Khmer^s fear of bandits⁵ arson as it is to the
fisc. All the
in the codes **have fostered the feeling** of general
uncertainty The Cambodians have compared the
perpetual
in to a newly sharpened sword placed in
the hands
of i But the reproach that can be made
against
French justice in **Cambodia** is **that** it has not yet
worked out a
the masses from exploitation by their

It is still 'true judges administer the worst
justice ia
The are eloquent proof of this: they are so
Kbiaers **not** **the** trouble to escape from
them.
still war **and** even debt slaves **continue** to **do**
heavy
Hygienic are so bad that sickness is rife and
the
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on to the throne in **1905** trial
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